Irregularities in IRCON

2901. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gross irregularities have taken place in IRCON, involving its former MD;

(b) if so, the details of such irregularities;

(c) whether it is a fact that the CVC has recommended action against the former MD of IRCON; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Investigation has revealed that the former MD/IRCON was responsible for some irregularities in award of some contracts by IRCON for execution of the Pelabuhan-Tanjung-Pelepas project in Malaysia.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Action has been initiated as advised by CVC and disciplinary proceedings are under way.

Expansion of Railways in Chhattisgarh

†2902. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and details of railway construction and expansion proposals, pending with Chhattisgarh Government for acquiring land and providing the same to Railways;

(b) since when these have been pending;

(c) the amount sought by the State Government for the same; and

(d) the details of problems arising for providing land immediately?

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